GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7525
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
EXPANSION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges where capacity has been expanded in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to enhance the capacity of the existing telephone exchanges in the State during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose for the said period?

Answer

Minister of State for communications

(Shri Tapan Sikdar)

(a) The number of the telephone exchanges where capacity has been expanded in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, district-wise, is given at Annexure.

(b) & (c) Plan to enhance the capacity of existing exchanges in the country are drawn on year to year basis. Same is being done for the year 2000-2001 including Tamil Nadu. 5,50,000 telephone lines are to be added in Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle and that for Chennai Telephones District 1,50,000 telephone lines during the year 2000-2001. Existing exchanges in Tamil Nadu will be expanded based on the requirement.

(d) The proposed fund allocation for the addition of new telephone lines including enhancing the capacity of existing telephone exchanges in Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle during 2000-2001 is Rs.1091.58 crores and that for Chennai Telephones District320.34 crores.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART(a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7525 FOR 15.5.2000 REGAR EXPANSION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

ANNEXURE

Details of the telephone exchanges where capacity has been added in Tamil Nadu during last three years.

a)Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle.

		(1997-98)	(1998-99)	(1999-2000)
1.	Coimbature	55	73	64
2.	Cuddalore	22	43	24
3.	Dharmapuri	43	41	62
4.	Dindigul	29	27	29
5.	Erode	34	52	44
6.	Kancheepuram	23	19	13
7	Kanniyakumari	18	24	21

8. Karur 15 24 20

9. Madurai 33 30 35
10. Nagapattinam 22 26 34
11. Namakkal 35 35 33
12. Perambalur 15 10 15
13. Pondicherry 8 13 16
14. Pudukottai 18 23 15
15. Ramanathapuram 26 13 29
16. Salem 52 44 51
17. Sivaganga 17 16 18
18. Thanjavur 42 47 39
19. The Nilgiris 19 15 39
20. Theni 13 15 11
21. Tirunelveli 42 63 57
22. Tiruvannamalai 16 30 18
23. Tiruvarur 12 21 20
24. Trichy 25 35 49
25. Tuticorin 35 37 35
26. Vellore 44 40 32
27. Villupuram 27 41 28
28. Virughunagar 10 25 21
29. Tiruvellore 35 17 11

b) Chennai Telephones 21 32 68
Distt.